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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 426

Introduced by Assembly Member Richman

February 14, 2003

An act to add Section 139 to the Water Code, relating to the State Water Project.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 426, as amended, Richman. State Water Project: solar panels.

Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project.

This bill would require the department to establish a program to authorize private entities to lease space above appropriate conveyance facilities of the State Water Project for the purposes of installing solar panels and generating electricity from those panels. *The bill would require the department to include certain conditions in the leases.* The bill would authorize the department to impose charges, for the purposes of carrying out these provisions, that reflect only the actual costs incurred by the department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that it is in
- 2 the interest of the state to conserve resources and to promote
- 3 projects that further that interest.

1 SEC. 2. Section 139 is added to the Water Code, to read:

2 139. (a) The department shall establish a program to
3 authorize private entities to lease space above appropriate
4 conveyance facilities of the State Water Project for the purpose of
5 installing solar panels and generating electricity from those panels.

6 (b) *The department shall include, but is not limited to, the*
7 *following conditions in a lease pursuant to this section:*

8 (1) *The solar panels shall be interconnected to the electric*
9 *transmission grid in accordance with applicable rules, orders, or*
10 *tariffs of the Public Utilities Commission.*

11 (2) *If the Independent System Operator declares a Stage 3*
12 *emergency regarding the electric system, the electricity generated*
13 *from the solar panels may not be sold out of state.*

14 (c) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
15 department may impose charges that reflect only the actual costs
16 incurred by the department.

